



MINUTES

**Darwin Military and Civilian History
Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 8 February 2023**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
DARWIN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM BIDJPIDJI (MEETING ROOM 1), LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE,
HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 11.00 AM**

PRESENT:

Councillor Mick Palmer (Chair)
RSL Darwin Branch Stephen Gloster
Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp
Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet Linda Fazldeen
Aviation Historical Society of the NT John Hart
NT Heritage Branch Sam Wells
General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr
Executive Manager Growth & Economic Development Emma Struys

OFFICERS:

Senior Administration Officer Karen Long
Events Producer Jack Buckley

APOLOGY:

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis
Councillor Ed Smelt
Department of Veterans' Affairs Louise Ruhl
Tourism NT Kylie Salisbury
NT Heritage Michael Wells (note - Sam Wells attended as NT Heritage Branch representative)

GUESTS:

WO1 Allan Lewis
Defence NT, Zachariah Dettman
Defence NT, Matthew Hull
Marines – 1st Sgt Hernandez, Ricky and 1st Lt Anderson, Berje
CPO Matt Levi
LCDR Mitchell Thomas
PO Lauren Bailey

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.01 am.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

City of Darwin acknowledges that we are living and working on Larrakia Country. We acknowledge the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of the Darwin region. We pay our respects to the Larrakia elders past and present and support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future. City of Darwin is committed to working together with all Larrakia to care for this land and sea for our shared future.

3 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Councillor Ed Smelt

Department of Veterans' Affairs Louise Ruhl

Tourism NT Kylie Salisbury

NT Heritage Michael Wells

3.2 Leave of Absence

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members - Nil

5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff - Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC001/23

Moved: RSL Darwin Branch Stephen Gloster

Seconded: Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

That the minutes of the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting held on 30 November 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED 8/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 BOMBING OF DARWIN DAY EVENT 2023 - UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC002/23

Moved: Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

Seconded: RSL Darwin Branch Stephen Gloster

1. THAT the verbal report provided by the Events Producer on the Bombing of Darwin Day Commemorative Service be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

Discussion

9.40 am – proceedings open, Welcome to Country and musical performance

9.54 am – re-enactment by military personnel

Speakers – The Administrator of the NT, Minister for Veteran Affairs, Chief Minister, Federal Leader of the Opposition, Lord Mayor and Chaplain to present prayer

11.00 am approximately event finishes

10 MEMBER REPORTS

RSL Darwin Stephen Gloster

- Four groups have lodged proposals for site
- Close to becoming branch of the NT

Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet Linda Fazldeen

- 18 February 2023 Australian Japanese Association NT, I-124 commemorative service will be held at 6.00 pm at Dripstone Cliffs, all welcome to attend
- 19 February 2023 USS Peary commemorative service, commences at 8.00 am
- 20 February Bombing of Darwin service at Adelaide River War Cemetery
- NTG will be funding an ANZAC lights project which will be held in Darwin, venue to be confirmed

NT Heritage Sam Wells

- Regarding the 18 February 2023 I-124 service, Japanese Families will be part of the service and sprinkling sand that has been brought up from the submerged submarine
- Film on the I-124 hopefully will be released soon
- Gun emplacement collapse at Casuarina Beach

Aviation Historical Society NT John Hart

- Venue at Aviation Museum is now completely full with displays
- Clearing-out has commenced on the records and archives at the premises at Gardens Hill Crescent
- Book Sale on the 18 February at Gardens Hill Crescent – 10am till 2pm

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

12 NEXT MEETING

3 May 2023, 11.00 am

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.23 am